

# Level 3 Extended Project Qualification



**Exam Board:** AQA

**Entry Requirements:** grade 5 or above in English

## Why choose the EPQ?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a stand-alone Level 3 qualification. It allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A Level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. It is worth half an A Level (28 UCAS points) so can be used to earn extra UCAS points.

## What does the course involve?

Students are required, with appropriate supervision, to:

- choose an area of interest
- draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the Centre
- plan, research and carry out the project
- deliver a presentation to a non-specialist audience
- provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment.

All candidates are required to meet the following Assessment Objectives. The Assessment Objectives are weighted as indicated below:

	Assessment Objective	Weighting
<b>AO1</b>	<b>Manage</b> Identify, design, plan, and carry out a project, applying a range of skills, strategies and methods to achieve objectives.	20%
<b>AO2</b>	<b>Use Resources</b> Research, critically select, organise and use information, and select and use a range of resources. Analyse data apply relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any links, connections and complexities of the topic.	20%
<b>AO3</b>	<b>Develop and Realise</b> Select and use a range of skills, including, where appropriate, new technologies and problem-solving, to take decisions critically and achieve planned outcomes.	40%
<b>AO4</b>	<b>Review</b> Evaluate all aspects of the extended project, including outcomes in relation to stated objectives and own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to present evidenced project outcomes and conclusions in an appropriate format.	20%

## Where will the EPQ lead me post Sixth Form?

The EPQ is a highly regarded 'facilitating subject'. As such it is considered to be a very strong foundation for study at university on degree courses and an increasing number of universities are including the EPQ in their offers to students.

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